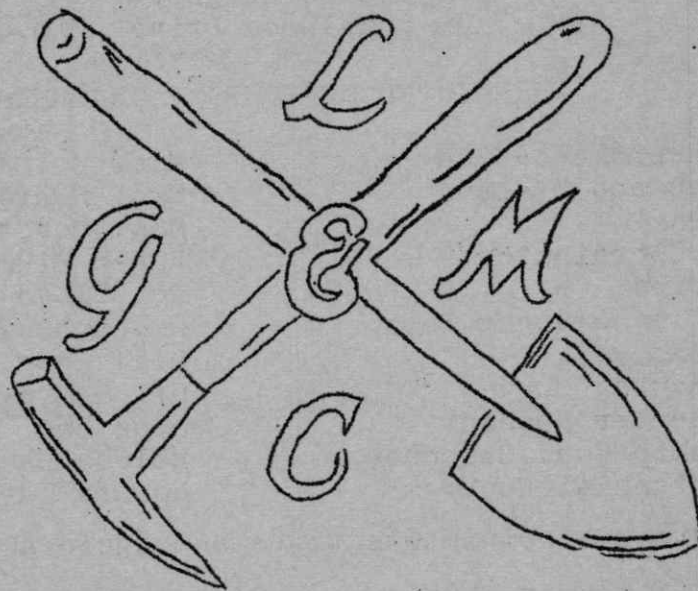


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CENTENNIAL ROCKRAMA TO BE BEST YET

CHALLENGE ISSUED. The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club has issued a challenge to all comers to produce a larger fairburn agate than the one which will be displayed at the Lincoln Rockrama. All challengers are to present their entries at HIGH-NOON on Sept. 23 at Pershing Auditorium. All entries must have substantial fairburn pattern and be present to qualify for the weigh-off.

**CENTENNIAL
GOVERNOR'S TROPHY
COMPETITION**
 Details on page 5.

LINDE STAR TO BE RECONSTRUCTED IN LINCOLN
 News received by this group indicates a complete boule-making display to be featured at the Centennial Rockrama. It will depict the growth series of a Linde Star from seed crystal to polished stone, and will also include some finished jewelry.

S E E I N S I D E
 for
 More special exhibits.
 Working displays.
 List of dealers.
 Programs and lectures.

Plans announced for the Nebraska Centennial Rockrama indicate it will be one of the best Rockramas ever held in the Midwest Federation. Howard Taylor, Show Chairman, indicated the Rockrama, to take place at Pershing Municipal Auditorium in Lincoln on Sept. 22, 23, 24, will have a number of truly outstanding feature displays.

Highlights of the show, commemorating the 100th anniversary of Nebraska's statehood, will be the Coronation Necklace displayed by the Linde Air Products Division of the Union Carbide Co. This
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ROCKRAMA from p.1, col.3

Star ruby and 86 fullcut diamonds in mountings of laurel leaves of American-mined gold, design by a Russian Princess, Alexandra Kropotkin.

Other outstanding features are described elsewhere in the news.

Several special competitions will also take place mentions Mr. Taylor. These include the Governors Trophy for jewelry, a special award to the outstanding centennial costume worn by a member of a Nebraska club, and a special challenge weigh-in to determine World's largest fairburn.

These and the many working displays & programs featured at the Rockrama should make it a slam bang affair.

DON'T MISS IT.



FOR SALE

Cracker

Barrel

Session

You can depend on good weight and measure under the HONEST THUMB of Verne Montgomery Midwest Federation Pres.

TURK COMES TO LINCOLN

Glen and Ruth Hawkins of Marysville, Kansas, will bring some spheres, fluorescents, and other specimens. They will feature their world famous "TURK" which was cut in a sphere of lime-stone. You will want to take photos of this display.

STARS TO BE FEATURED

AT ROCKRAMA. A number of stars will be present in Lincoln at the Rockrama - well not exactly stars - but they were once heavenly bodies. Now they are part of the collection of Meteorites owned by the University of Nebraska State Museum. Representative samples of meteorites will be displayed at the Rockrama by the Museum. The Museum will also have displays from their vertebrate paleontology collection as well as other displays at the Rockrama.

ROUND AND ROUND

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Clary of Lincoln will have their Northwest Federation competition winning spheres on display. Many different materials were used in this prize winning project.

RARE ECHINODERMATAE TO BE SHOWN. Most rockhounds would recognize a part of a fossil crinoid or a blastoid. However how many among us could identify a paracrinoid, a cystoid or a corpoid? These rare and unusual specimen of invertebrate fossils will comprise only a portion of the display to be shown at the Nebraska Centennial Rockrama in Lincoln, on Sept. 22, 23, 24. Ted White of Omaha and Roger Pabian of Lincoln are putting together a number of the more rare and unusual specimens of the Echinoderms. Their combined display will fill about eight cases.

All collectors and students should make it a point to see this collection as much of this material is not present in most museums.

STONE FOREST. Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Bass of Vermillion, South Dakota will bring their outstanding collection of Arizona wood sections to the Lincoln Rockrama. Collected over a period of years, the specimens are complete polished rounds of logs two to three feet in diameter. This is their first time to be shown in this area.

SASS TO DISPLAY QUARTZ

We would like to say that Bill Sass of Springfield, Nebraska is going to show gallons of quartz - but they just don't measure it that way. Bill will have on display a very large, extra-fine group of Quartz Crystals from Arkansas. Most specimens you see are measured in inches. This one is measured in feet. It is a truly fine museum type specimen which, when not at the Rockrama, can be seen in it's own special case at Bill's Rock Museum in Springfield, Neb.

BLOYDS TO GET THINGS LIT UP.

Arthur Bloyd of Lincoln, Nebraska, has added more specimens to what has already become one of the best displays of fluorescent rocks and minerals ever on public display in the Midwest. This collection will be illuminated by two huge 30" fluorescent lights and smaller bulbs and is a truly breathtaking display. Art will be assisted this year by Mr. Glen Hawkins of Marysville, Kansas, so you can be sure of the best show ever.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO DISPLAY OLD ITEMS.

The Nebraska Historical Society announced today their tentative plans for displays at the Nebraska Centennial Rockrama. They will include items from their collections of antique jewelry. It was felt that this would be in keeping with the spirit of the Centennial celebration occurring in Nebraska this year. Also displayed will be artifacts of the Plains Indians from the Society collection.

Those rockhounds attending the Rockrama will find the Historical Society's displays in their building located four blocks north of the auditorium. A pleasant place to observe other examples of Nebraska's Historical past.

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Jest saw the durndest thing - people hauling rocks into our nice new Pershing Auditorium. They had truck loads, trailer loads, baskets and boxes full.

Seems these fellers even have saws with diamonds in 'em to cut thees rocks up; and Mistor, editor they was doing it right there in the auditorium. Then they would polish and make beautiful joolry right their.

Well sir i watched thees fellers til i got hooked myself & they got some other real nice fellers there that you can

buy this equipment from so i got me a bunch and never had so danged much fun in my life.

sincerely,
I.M.Hooked
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Dear Editor: This show, called Centennial Rockrama, has so many really interesting things to look at and enjoy that I only got halfway around the place the first day and will have to go back again so I can see some of the slide shows and working displays that they keep telling us about. Signed

INTERESTED

STERLING EXAMPLE

Silversmithing at its finest will be presented by Mr. Cliff Stogman of Pierce, Nebraska. His talents are one of a kind. Silversmiths from all over the midwest look up to Cliff as he is at the top in his field. Watch him as long as you wish.

FIT FOR A QUEEN-Visitors to the 1967 Nebraska Centennial Rockrama at Pershing Auditorium, in Lincoln, Nebraska on Sept. 22, 23, 24, will see the one-of-a-kind Linde Star Coronation Necklace worn to the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953 at Westminster Abbey.

The design of the necklace, valued at \$25,000, is in a style known as "antique". Its designer is the Russian Princess, Alexandra Kropotkin, who has excelled also as a writer, biographer, columnist, and fashion consultant. The magnificent central star in the pendant is the fourth largest Linde-created Star ruby known to exist and it weighs approximately 90 cts. (The largest Linde-created Star ruby weighs nearly 110 cts. and is on display at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City.) The necklace is fashioned of individual laurel leaves executed in 3 shades of American-mined gold --yellow, white and green. The small Linde Star rubies in the necklace weigh 14 cts. each. There is a total of 86 full-cut

MIDWEST FEDERATION PRESIDENT TO VISIT.

Verno Montgomery will be present in Lincoln at the Centennial Rockrama to host the Cracker Barrel Session, Sat., Sept. 23. This session will be an opportunity for rock hounds to talk things over, town meeting style with the top dogs in the Midwest Federation.

ROC SAN PAINTINGS

Paintings by Ray E. and Edna Rusko of Grand Lake Colorado, will be a feature attraction at the Centennial Rockrama. How do paintings qualify for a rockrama? Because they are made of rock.

Years were spent and many thousands of miles traveled collecting the many color of rock needed to paint these pictures.

Ruskos will be working on their newest and answering questions at the show.

Many rate the Ruskos as one of the top displays in the U. S. A.

diamonds weighing a total of 10 cts.
UCC Release

CENTENNIAL COSTUME CONTEST.

A PDQ Gem Drill donated by Byron Rohdo, who will be a dealer at the Rockrama, is to be awarded to the man or woman, paid member of a Nebraska Rock Club, wearing the best centennial costume at the Nebraska Rockrama.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Out-of-town members of Rockhound tribes staying overnight in Lincoln at the Rockrama who are not planning to camp out may wish to take advantage of the Host Club's Hospitality Service. Lincoln has a large number of fine hotels and motels with a wide variety of services, accommodations, and prices. You can receive a whole packet of information if you write HOSPITALITY, c/o Liaison Officer, 2818 No. Cotner Blvd., Lincoln, Nebr., 68507.

Do you remember when mother's meals were carefully thought-out instead of carefully thawed-out???

ADDITIONAL PLACES TO GO

Within a short distance of the Rockrama there are several places which will be of interest to rockhounds who have a spare moment or two.

Two blocks south of the Auditorium Nebraska's capitol building is one of the architectural achievements of all time. It features the use of colorful marble from all over the world. The mosaic work on second floor is said to be one of the largest in the world.

Four blocks north of Porshing you will find Nebraska's State Historical Society Museum which displays items of the past, ranging from early Indians to the Pioneers and their descendants who settled the land and created the modern state we know today.

Three blocks farther north and one-half block west of the Historical Society is the Uni. of Nebraska State Museum featuring Elephant Hall. This Museum has the world's most complete display of fossil elephant remains in the world. Also on display is a very outstanding collection of fossil mammals equalled in very few Museums.

Ploozy, the plesiosaur excavated by the host club, is on display as is the Museum's fast growing collection of mineral specimens.

We feel Rockhounds attending the Rockrama will want to make it a point to spend at least a few minutes at each of these places.

GOVERNOR'S TROPHY COMPETITION.

An extra special trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Governor's competition. This is open to all Rockhounds. Entries are to be jewelry made from natural Nebraska rocks and gemstones with the entrants providing their own findings. Winning jewelry to be presented to the Governor and his wife.

LOOKS GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT

A dentist's nightmare, a complete dinner made of rock will be at the Rockrama. This unusual display put together by a Rockhound from St. Joseph, Mo., features rocks which look like food, as loaf of bread, drumstick, etc.

ROCKY ROCKHOUND SOUGHT BY DEPUTIES

All Federation officers, committee chairmen, and anyone else at the Kansas City meeting were deputized "Official Rockrama Deputies" at gunpoint by Marshall Gene Eno who was assisted by Calamity Dot Engolhart, Nebr. State Vice-President and Big Ed McNamar of Des Moines.

Deputies were presented badges, three months ago, (a replica of a three

dollar bill issued by the bank of De Sota in Nebraska about a hundred years ago), and a wanted poster declaring Rocky Rockhound wanted in Lincoln on Sept. 22, 23, 24 to attend the Rockrama. Each of the deputies solemnly swore to do everything in their power to get "Rocky" and his friends to Lincoln.

There was little

objection to the ceremony as Marshall Eno backed up his actions with a pair of authentic replicas of .45 calibre Colt Peacemakers. Mrs. Engolhart was dressed in her centennial dress which is a replica of dresses worn in Nebraska 100 years ago. Many similar costumes will be seen at the Rockrama.

LOOK OUT CUSTER -

Ray Anderson, noted arrowhead chipper will visit the Rockrama and tell all on how Sitting Bull did it.

Mr. Anderson has been featured at many shows and is a real flake artist.

SPECIAL WORKING EXHIBITS

Faceting, silversmithing, glass blowing, complete lapidary shop, and plastic imbedding are working displays to be featured at the Centennial Rockrama.

OLD SEEDS WON'T GROW

The seeds, bulbs and pine cones to be shown by Rogor Pabian at the Rockrama absolutely will not grow. It seems that somewhere between the Jurassic Age and today they have petrified.

Representative samples of these seeds were found in Utah by Charles Bass of Wyoming and are currently under study by the British Museum.

Rapid earthquakes travel in waves at about three hundred miles a minute. Even the slowest one would circle the earth in about three hours.

TAYLOR TEAM WINS!

The Taylor team of Howard, Marie, Howard Jr., and Susan won the big one. Scene of the contest was Murfreesboro, Arkansas. Loser was Mother Nature in her efforts to conceal the 3½ carat diamond from the Taylor Team. The diamond will be on display at the Rockrama.

TRILLOBITES FROM SPAIN

Unable to get Spanish Fleas in fossil form, Rogor Pabian has substituted Spanish Trilobites to keep in the swing of things. These recent acquisitions from Spain are well preserved in Pyrite and show great detail in their preservation.

"MR. MOZARKITE"

This gentleman from Blackwater, Missouri, will bring his pictures in Missouri "Mozarkite." He has hundreds of cabs, slabs, and other assorted stones in this picturesque material which has recently been accepted as the state stone of Missouri. This will be the first time he has shown in this area.

ASTROCAMMAKER TO BE DEMONSTRATED. John Lewis of Lincoln has consented to demonstrate his famous Astrocammaker at the Nebraska Centennial Rockrama. This will be the first public demonstration of the newly redesigned and enlarged piece of equipment for several years. Space ago MUST.

CAMP OUT ! ! !

Those Rockhounds who wish to take the camping route on accommodations during the Rockrama have a choice while in Lincoln. Fred Claus has offered free camping in the area next to his Lapidary and Ceramics shop at 2639 West O. St. There will be toilet facilities but no hook-ups.

Lincoln also has a commercial campground located at Superior St. and Interstate 80. (Get off Superior St. from either direction). This is a deluxe full-facilities camp area called "Camp-A-Way".

For further information write HOSPITALITY, Liaison Officer, 2818 North Cotner, Lincoln.

We're not in any real distress as the headline leads you to believe, but - we could use your help to make this Rockrama an event to be remembered for years by all who attend.

We welcome your displays. If they can be on exhibit just one day we will have a place for it at the Rockrama. Lloyd Baugher, who is Chairman of the COME AND GO section, reports that there is much interest in this section with indications of a number of fine exhibits who have already spoken for space.

He does have a small problem, however. Special exhibits of individuals, dealers and institutions have almost exhausted the supply of cases our club can beg, borrow, steal or has for show time.

If you have displays we want you to bring it. If you will need a case, please check with Lloyd Baugher, 7415 Englewood Dr., Lincoln, Nebr. 68510.

Lloyd would also like to know in advance if you intend to display and what periods of time your display will be at the Rockrama. This will enable him to have adequate table space at all times.

A post card will do.

PERSONAL: "Al" Meet me at Pershing, Sept. 22, 23, 24, 1967. "Fe"

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LOST: my head at Rockrama - bought everything in sight. Send money.

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FOUND: Happiness at the big Centennial Rockrama Pershing Auditorium, Lincoln, Nebraska.

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FOR SALE: Pleasure -98¢ plus sales tax, Pershing Auditorium.

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WANTED: Everyone to attend the Centennial Rockrama.

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AUCTION: Bring your surplus rocks and see lively auctioneer in action.

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SWAP TABLE: Match your wits and materials. No selling, under constant surveillance.

SEE THESE DEALERS AT OUR 1967 CENTENNIAL ROCKRAMA

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Everett's Lapidary -
Lincoln, Nebr.

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Rohde's Lapidary -
Bayfield, Colo.

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Gali's Rockhound Center -
Albany, Oregon

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Ebersole Lapidary Supply -
Wichita, Kansas

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Hillside Rock Shop -
Omaha, Nebr.

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Norman Brager -
Wisconsin

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Sherman's Rock Shop -
Onawa, Iowa

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San Juan Gems -
Dove Creek, Colo.

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Charles Hanson -
Chula Vista, Calif.

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Bonanza Rock Shop -
Harrison, Ark.

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Southwestern Minerals -
Albuquerque, N.M.

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Westwood Lapidary -
St. Louis Park, Minn.

WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL
ENJOY THEM.

ROCK SWAP AUGUST 12 - 13

Like most Rockhounds those in Lincoln like to engage in a bit of swapping and fun occasionally - well really whenever they get a chance. It is a lot more fun to attend a show where you know a number of people before you get there.

Why not come over and get acquainted with the Nebraskalanders on the weekend of August 12-13? The Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club is hosting their second annual Rock Swap at the Boy Scout Camp, 1st and Van Dorn Sts. in Lincoln on that date.

Last years affair was a real slam-bang get-together. Lots of swapping, free coffee, free watermelon, uncoordinated smorgasbord, western music, dancing, and lots of good fellowship. This years affair promises to be even better if that is possible. -

Mark the date on your calendar. If you don't get enough swapping done - or if you can't make it that weekend - there will be a SWAP AREA at the Rockrama also. Plan to attend both of these fine events.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Listed are only a few of the slide shows and lecture presentations which will be given at regular intervals each day of the Rockrama.

Aaron's Breastplate -
Rev. Richard A. Heim

Exploring Greenland -
Dr. Samuel Treves

Rock Collecting in Nebr.
Richard Hedges

Lecture on Fluorescents -
Art Bloyd & Committee

Silversmithing, Plastic Molding, Glass Blowing, Faceting, Cabbing, and other working exhibits too numerous to be listed and covering every phase of rockhounding. They will be found spread around the lower level of Pershing Auditorium.

BELIEVE-IT-OR-NOT

We hope you will be able to attend our 1967 Nebraska Centennial Rockrama at Pershing Auditorium, Lincoln, September 22, 23, 24.

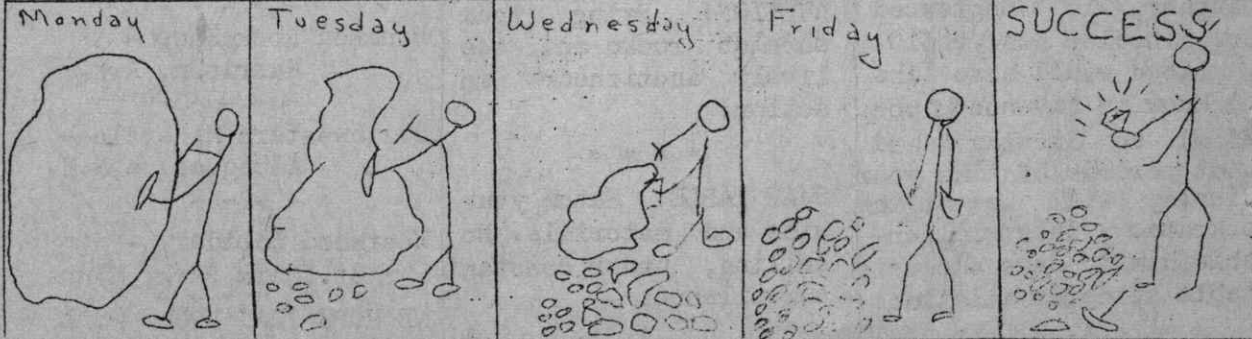
NEBRASKA CENTENNIAL

ROCKRAMA

Pershing Auditorium

Located near the heart of downtown Lincoln, so that drug stores, cafes, hotels, can be reached by foot.

ARTIST AT WORK



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sept. 22, 23 and 24th our club will put on the Nebraska Centennial Rockrama. From the plans and preparations made so far by the Show Committee and officers of this club it should be one of the best shows the midwest has seen in a number of years. It will be if certain things take place - These things are not up to the Show Committee or officers to do. It now falls on each individual member.

First - Promote it - sell those tickets you have in your pockets - then go get more and sell them. Tell everyone you meet about the show.

Second - We have a number of outstanding special exhibits coming and numerous guests from out of town. We need many more exhibits to make it Nebraska's largest show - Each of us must put in as many cases and open displays as possible.

Third - Make yourselves available for work setting up on Thursday evening and take down Sunday night. It is important that there be a number of people available as we can't get into the auditorium till around 6:00 P. M. and only three or four cars can enter the auditorium at one time so they must be unloaded quickly so someone else can take their place.

And last - Plan to spend as much time as possible at the show, get acquainted with the out-of-town guests. This can be a great deal of fun and pleasure.

Remember - Dress Western or Centennial.

Gene L. Eno

THE TIME IS NOW!!!

THE EYES OF ALL SHOULD BE ON US.

These few last minute notes might save you a phone call to the show chairman or to one of the "Chiefs" as the hard-working committee heads have been tagged.

The drawing of the ROCKRAMA site and notes on it which will prepare you for entry into the display area with your car load of displays, prepared by Mr. G. W. McKinney and his committee, and they plan to be on hand to keep the line of cars moving as rapidly as possible. As announced at the meeting they do need some "Indians" with speedy arms and legs to help with the unloading of each car onto the seven carts available to move them to your individual display area. They specify that members will be permitted to bring their displays into the basement via the ramp after 6 P.M. and up until midnight on Thursday, Sept. 21. The ramp will be available on a first come, first served basis and you should have someone to stay with your exhibits while you take your car back out and find a place to park it, before you arrange your displays.

We will be using the north stairways down to the display area during the show as the south area is scheduled for a special display. Any persons who can carry their displays into the auditorium rather than driving in are encouraged to enter by this means on Thursday evening.

One acceptable display by a member or visitor entitles same to one free pass for the show, two displays entitle two free passes for the family, and so on. There will be a registration desk and each club member will be given a Host ribbon, outside displayers will be given ribbons and out of town Rockhounds from affiliated clubs will be tagged so they can be distinguished from the general public.

We are anticipating thousands from the general public to be seeing these exhibits, programs and demonstrations so - Bring them in - make it big!

ALL money for advance tickets or the tickets themselves must be turned in to Jerry Kohn by Sunday, Sept. 24th at 8:30 P. M. so the tax situation can be figured. Tickets are still available from Jerry at 1321 O St. Remember if you sell \$100 worth of advance tickets you are to receive \$10.00 in trade at the show. Tickets sold in advance at \$1 inc. tax. are accompanied by a free pass so it is actually half price.

Some show cases are still available from Howard. Call him if you need to buy one.

COMPETITIONS: Centennial Governor's Trophy for jewelry made from any Nebraska stone, winning jewelry to be presented to the Governor and a beautiful trophy given. Any one can enter this contest to be judged at 7 P.M. Saturday.

Centennial Costume: Best Centennial outfit by a member of any Nebraska Rock Club to be presented with a P. D. Q. Gem Drill given by Mr. Rohde of Bayfield, Colorado. Judging to be Sunday at 2 P. M.

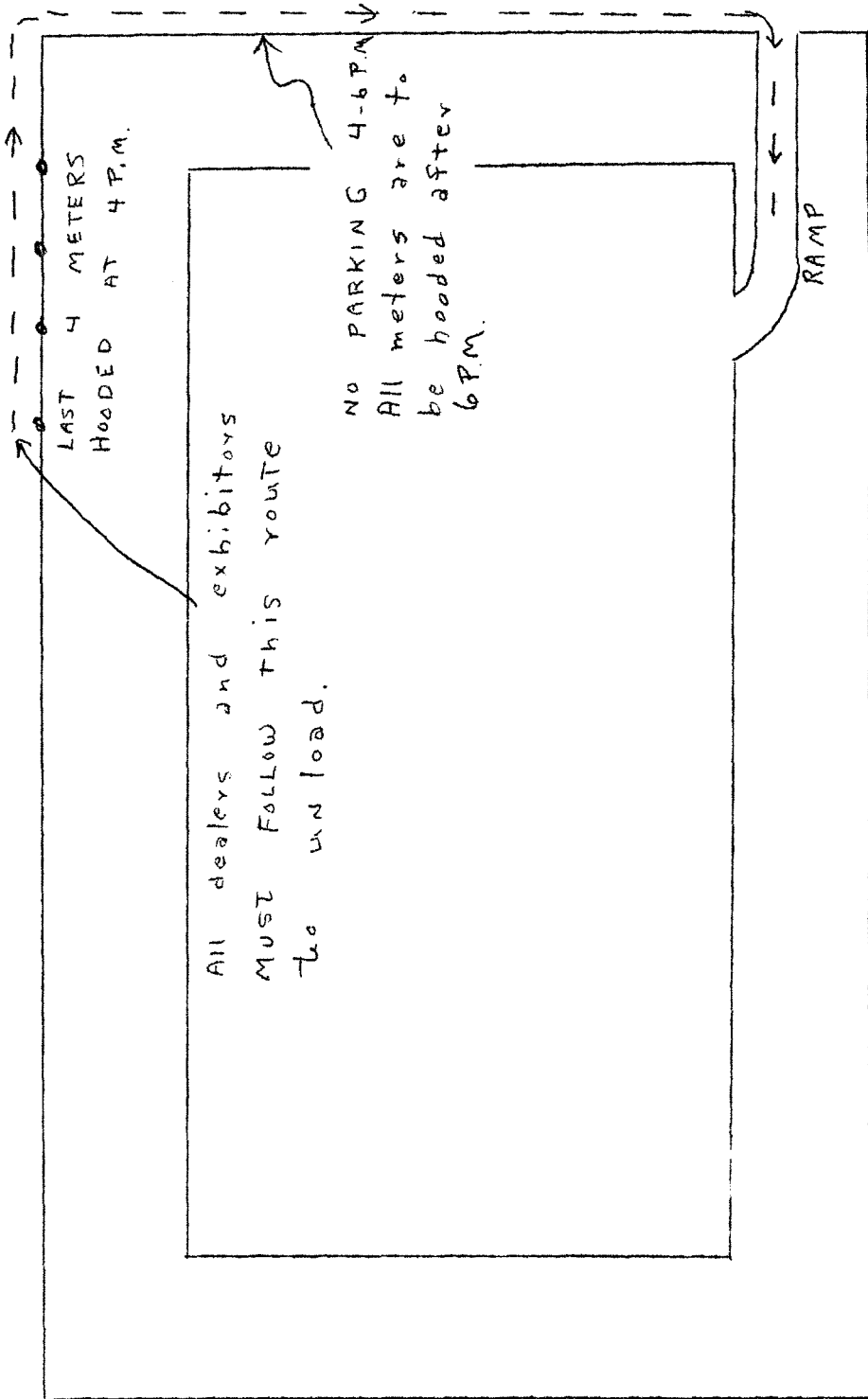
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SOME COMING EVENTS

- Sept.15-17 Plains Rock & Mineral Club 10th Annual Show, Kimball, Nebr.
- Sept. 22-24 LGMC Hosts NEBRASKA CENTENNIAL ROCKRAMA, Lincoln, Nebr.
- Sept.30-Oct.1 Panhandle Rock & Gem Club Show, Scottsbluff, Nebr.
- Sept.30-Oct.1 Sixth Annual Rock Show, Rock River Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Coliseum Bldg., Downtown Oregon, Illinois
- Sept.30-Oct.1 Field Trip and Swap at Lincoln, Missouri by the Assoc. Earth Science Clubs of Greater Kansas City Area
- Oct. 7-8 Nebraska Mineral & Gem Club, College of St. Mary, 72nd and Mercy Road, Omaha, Nebr.
- Oct. 7-8 Topeka Gem and Mineral Show, Mid-American Fairgrounds, Topeka, Kansas
- Oct. 14-15 Prairie Rockhounds Rock Show, Ogallala, Nebr.
- Oct. 20-22 Platte Valley Rock & Mineral Society Show, North Platte, Nebr.
- Oct. 21-22 Arbor Valley Gem & Mineral Club Show, Nebraska City, Nebr.
- Oct. 28 7:30 P. M. Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club regular meeting - Report of the nominating committee consisting of Irl Everett, Everett Weber, and Earl Amen.

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- II. Something to love.
- III. Something to hope for!

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10 YEARS AGO

Our meeting was held September 16, 1957 at Morrill Hall.

President, Dick Hedges, announced plans for a picnic at Pioneer Park on Sunday, October 6. All rockhounds and dealers were invited. Several clubs were contacted by letter and announcements were made through the various magazines. Mr. and Mrs. Del Whitmarsh, John Lewis, Frank Knott and Ewald Paul were in charge of the games and prizes.

Eight of the members spoke briefly on their vacation trips and displayed their bragging materials.

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Word has just been received that Mr. and Mrs. Merton Young have recently lost their daughter who had been ill for some time. Our sympathy goes to the family. Mr. Young is a past president of the Midwest Federation.

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Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club had many displays in the Nebr. Uni. Building at the recent State Fair. Word from the University is that 75,000 visited these displays. More about this soon.

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NEBRASKA CENTENNIAL ROCKRAMA

September 22, 23, 24, 1967

Pershing Municipal Auditorium

If you need any last minute help with your displays call or come over. We, like everyone else, are hurrying to get ready.

DID YOU KNOW - - - - -

As we go to press, there is much activity! the reason? The Show! The big show! Such excitement - anxiety - plotting and planning! Can one imagine the thrills and hard work connected to a big Broadway Production!

The vacationers are returning with such happy memories of beautiful places and scenery. Perry Millers flew to Calgary via Western Air Lines - took a car there and traveled about the area, leisurely, enjoying each moment. They took in Lake Louise, Lake Morraine, Banff - and O Yes - they stayed in the Royal Suite at the Calgary Inn. Most elegant, Norma reports.

Mr. & Mrs. "Santa" Claus are in Utah and Colorado visiting family and friends - doing some hunting in the fields and practicing the "Art of Relaxation." Sounds great.

Our members who displayed at the State Fair came home with prizes - Helena Baegl, Jim Parks, Arthur Bloyd - Congratulations to all of you.

The trip to Fort Robinson was the usual wonderful week-end. A nice group represent Lincoln - plus the following friends from Davenport, Nebr., Mr. & Mrs. Frank K. Williams, members of the Fort Butler Rock & Gem Club and also the Central Nebr. Rock & Mineral Club; Mr. & Mrs. Guy Fletcher, Washington, Kansas, members of the Beatrice Club as well as the Hiawatha and Manhattan, Kansas clubs; Mr. & Mrs. John Adams, Sabetha, Kansas, members of Hiwatha club, Mr. & Mrs. Laird Krotz, from Odell, Nebr., members of the Beatrice Club. Mrs. Krotz is on the staff of the Beatrice Public School system. We are happy these fine people joined our field trip. From Lincoln also our friends Mr. & Mrs. Marlen Huber and Debbie were enjoying the camping facilities at the Fort in a beautiful new trailer - Marlen and Marie joined us in the rock fields to enjoy the big, big country - the view is so beautiful, we wish we could bring it all home with us!

Maurice and Frances Tracy enjoyed a visit to the Grotto at West Bend, Iowa in connection with the Rock Swap at Marshalltown, Iowa. More on this later.

Friends, please remember the specimens you wish to display on the revolving fixture at the show. It will be in Nebraska Blue this year, trimmed in gold. Colorful specimens will be most effective. You all have seen the fixture, you know the size. (Please put your names on the specimen so they will be returned to you.) Also our show chairman hopes each member who takes pictures, will do so at the show. Bring your "trusty little" camera and lets all get snap happy! After the show we will have a big evening, re-living each moment.

My wish to all members in connection with the show - Good Luck - Good Show - and a Happy Show to each and every one.

The news of the Bloyds leaving Lincoln to make their home in Arizona means a loss to our L. G. M. C. of earnest, sincere workers in our organization. Our loss will be Arizona's gain. Good Luck to you.

DID YOU KNOW - - - - (continued)

The Simon Boys carried off ribbons in the Angus show at the Fair. Congratulations, Douglas and Kimball.

Mr. & Mrs. Roger Simmons, owners of the Simmons Jewelry Store, were the recipients of several prizes at the recent jewelers convention in Omaha. Roger & Margaret carried home the big prize for best Window Display - several smaller trophies were awarded to Roger also. Plus all of this, in the Centennial Parade, with lots of keen competition, the float sponsored by Lutheran, Missouri Synod, South Nebraska District, was awarded first prize. The Simmons are counselors of the Youth League at Calvery Lutheran Church. Congratulations to Roger and Margaret, we are proud of you. This all, a reward for mush work and effort.

Until next time -

Marie J. Carveth

We should like to extend our sincere sympathy to club member Professor Wm. H. Foxwell in the loss of his wife, Frances. While not presently in the club, Mrs. Foxwell was known by many of us and appreciated for her courage and enthusiasm. She will be greatly missed.

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THE 1967 CONVENTION AND SHOW

Reported by Katharine Steinbrenner

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Another successful Midwest Federation Convention held in conjunction with the Illowa Gem and Mineral Society Show in Dav-
enport, Iowa and Rock Island, Illinois on
July 27-30 is now history but we shall long
remember the beautiful displays at the show
and the greeting and visiting with our friends
at both the Federation meetings and at the
show who were there from all parts of the
country.

The Illowa Gem and Mineral Society mem-
bers are to be congratulated for their great
hospitality and for the way they carried out
their well made plans. The long hours they
spent in planning and the many weeks of hard
word really paid off for them in a grand way.
The fabulous publicity given them by all the
Tri-Cities newspapers brought crowds of peo-
ple to the Armory in Rock Island from the time
the show opened on Thursday morning until
closing time on Sunday at 6 P.M.

Some of the requirements of a good show
are: large crowds of people; good competitive, ed-
ucational and special displays; interesting
programs; representative dealers, good swapp-
ing area; and smiles for everyone. The 1967
Convention and Show had all of these and more.

All of the displays were great, but some
of those that stand out in my memory at this
time are: the carved flowers by Leonard Hires;
Tolson Radloffs crosses; rock paintings by the
Strangbergs; the handcrafted jewelry by Gwen
Swanson and the solderless jewelry by Doris
Kemp and the fabulous miniature crystals from
the Smithsonian.

The perfect planning and organization of the
Illowa Gem and Mineral Club was evidenced in
that all the judging was completed on Thursday
and all ribbons and scores were on the competitive

displays before 5:00 P.M. on Thursday.

The swap area in the open tent was one of the
busiest places at the show. Everyone enjoys this
and swapping is becoming increasingly more im-
portant to our shows. Did overhear some people
wishing that swapping could be arranged closer to
their cars - perhaps in a reserved section of the
parking area similar to the way that swapping was
done at the Hibbing show parking lot.

The Midwest Executive meeting and breakfast
on Friday morning at the Blackhawk Hotel in Dav-
enport, Iowa was very well attended as was the
Editors breakfast there on Saturday morning.

The Midwest Council meeting on Saturday at
the Blackhawk Hotel was about one of the largest
in the history of our Federation with practically
every chair in the room occupied.

Mr. W. H. deNeui and Mary and Earl Corn-
well were elected to Honorary Membership at
this meeting and the following officers were elect-
ed to begin their terms on November 1st. Mr. Ellis
Courter, president; Mrs. June Zeitner, Vice Pres-
ident; Miss Jean Reynolds, secretary; Mr. Jerry
Huber, treasurer; Mr. Russell MacFall, historian.

Ten of our past presidents were at the meeting
and banquet. The banquet on Saturday evening
was excellent and well attended as it is the climax
of the show and convention when the trophies are
presented. Our new Honorary Members were pre-
sent at a special table and were all presented with
their Certificates of Honorary Membership. Rep-
resentatives of clubs receiving Merit Award Cert-
ificates were also seated at special tables as were
past presidents and their wives and husbands.
Mr. Kemp presented the Midwest 100% Plaque
to Katharine Steinbrenner, Midwest Scholarship
Chairman, who then presented it to our Historian
Russell MacFall and Midwest president Verne
Montgomery so that it may be displayed at future
Midwest shows.

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Our sincere thanks to our many Midwest clubs that helped us attain our 100% goal so that we could receive our 100% Plaque at the American Federation Convention in Washington, D. C. in June at the banquet at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

We regret the omission of the name of the Michigan Mineralogical Society on the pink sheet in our Directory listing of the Midwest 100%ers. They were among the first of our 100% clubs.

With 82 100% clubs the Midwest leads all of the other Federations in the number of 100%ers. Oklahoma of the Rocky Mountain Federation was the very first 100% state. Of course our only two Midwest clubs in Arkansas are 100% but which one of our Midwest states will be the first to have all clubs 100%? Several are approaching that goal so it may well be a tie.

Since our last article in the June Newsletter the following clubs have received their 100% certificates.

Lawrence County Rock Club
Niles-Buchanan R. & Min. Club
North Iowa Rock Club
Charles City Rock & Gem Soc.
Williston Rock & Min. Club
Fort Smith Rock Club
Cornbelt Lapidary Society
Ozark Earth Science Club
Kentucky Lake Rockhounds
Earth Science Club of Mo.
Chanute Gem & Min. Soc.
Dallas Co. Rock Club
Kettle Moraine Geol. Soc.
Cincinnati Mineral Soc.
Austin Gem Crafters
Ames Rock and Mineral Soc.
Cedar Valey Rock & Min. Soc.
Illinois Valley Rockhounds
Muskegon Co. R. & Min. Soc.
Jrs. of Mich. Gem & Min. Soc.
Badlands Sandhills E. Sc. Club
Lapeer Co. Gem & Min. Soc.

The Following Clubs have advanced their standing as follows: Central Illinois Rockhounds, 200%; Black Hawk Gem & Min. Club of Waterloo, 200%; East Ohio Lapidary Club, 300%; Tri-County R. & Min. of Michigan 200%; Chicago Rocks and Minerals 200%; Chicago Lapidary Society, 300%; Tri-State Gem & Min. of Dubuque, 200%; Independence Gem & Mineral 200%; Midwest Mineralogical Soc. of Dearborn, 200%; Peru Y.M.C.A. Club, 400%.

Congratulations to all of you and Many Thanks for your loyal support. Keep those Betty Crocker Coupons and your monthly collections on their way to us so that we will soon have several Midwest states that are 100%.

MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS - 1967
Reported by June Zeitner

The following clubs have received their Merit Award Certificates for 1967:

Bloomington Mineral Club (Minn.)
Chicago Rocks & Minerals Society (Ill.)
Columbus Rock and Mineral Society (Ohio)
Lakeland Gem Club (Wis.)
Michigan Gem and Mineral Society (Jackson, Mich.)
Michigan Mineralogical Society (Bloomfield Hills, Mich.)
Midwest Mineralogical & Lapidary Society (Dearborn, Mich.)
Minnesota Mineral Club (St. Paul)

OUR ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT IN MICHIGAN

Richard Matych, assistant state Vice President of Michigan has every essential qualification to help new clubs.

He not only helped organize, but was also a charter member of the Muskegon County Rock and Mineral Association, Muskegon, Michigan. His stewardship included, Treasurer, Vice President, plus first editor of their Bulletin "The Prospector".

With the State Line Gem and Mineral Society, Tecumsh, Michigan he had much to do with launching this successful club - founder and first editor of their bulletin "Rock Trails", President twice.

Presently Dick is a member of an important AFMS committee, International Relations.

His hobby is "Thumbnails" and "Micromounts" which have earned him blue ribbons at several Federation shows.

Best of all he likes to share his experiences by giving talks on subjects such as "Quartz Family Minerals", "Collecting, Cataloging, and Exhibiting Minerals", and "Lapidary Demonstrations".

Richard Matych lives at 2155 Greenview Drive, Adrian, Michigan 49221. There are many clubs that wished he lived near them so they too could enjoy his fascinating programs.

BECAUSE OF THE PRESSURE OF BUSINESS

George Bullock, who has so ably directed the MWF in Minnesota for the past several years had to resign. B. A. Dahlberg has had many years experience in many facets of our hobby. Therefore, MWF is indeed happy that he has accepted the position of your state Vice President.

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